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Fifty-seven-year-old District man pleads guilty to enticing a child

WASHINGTON - Francis McGee, a fifty-seven-year-old District of Columbia man, pled guilty yesterday to one count of enticing a child, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. Sentencing will take place before Superior Court Judge Gerald Fisher on May 14, 2010. Under the District of Columbia's Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines, the defendant will likely receive a sentence of between ten and twenty-eight months. The defendant will also be required to register as a sex offender.

According to the government's evidence, on July 19, 2004, the defendant met the 14-year-old victim, who had run away from her home in Virginia, at a bus stop. The defendant took the 14-year-old girl to an abandoned apartment on Stanton Road in the District of Columbia. The defendant admitted that inside the apartment, he fondled the young victim. The defendant was fifty-one years old at the time of the offense. DNA evidence linked the defendant to the crime.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the outstanding work of Detective Lynn Rosenberg of the Metropolitan Police Department's Youth Investigations Division Cold Case Unit. The U.S. Attorney also acknowledged MPD Sergeant Anthony Mabel and Detective Willis Mitchell, who initially investigated the case in 2004, and Victim Advocate Iris Vega. Finally, the U.S. Attorney commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Rubenstein, who prosecuted the case.

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